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Mr. Judd Stoll
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Dear Mr. Stoll:

Thank you for submitting *Meals Plus Menus*, for testing and evaluation by the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), to be used in certification of compliance with the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal pattern requirements.

The certification software evaluation coordinator has completed a full evaluation of the module related to the certification of compliance. The requirements listed in the specification checklist have been met. *Meals Plus Menus* is approved by USDA for use in certification of compliance with new NSLP meal pattern requirements.

State agencies are responsible for determining how they wish to assess compliance for school food authorities (SFAs) that are State-approved to implement new breakfast requirements early. The breakfast functionality of this approved system may not be used to demonstrate compliance of the breakfast requirements unless otherwise authorized by the individual State agency for certification purposes.

Any major changes to *Meals Plus Menus* must be submitted for evaluation such as changes to calculations and formulas. *Meals Plus Menus* will be listed under *Menu Planning Tools Approved for Certification for Six Cent Reimbursement* on the Healthy Meals Resource System Web site at:
<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/SixCentCertification>.

The only marketing language permitted by FNS for both print and electronic product literature is as follows: "USDA-approved for use in certification of compliance with lunch meal requirements." USDA symbols or logos are intended for the official use of the USDA only and must not be used for software marketing materials or websites; logos are expressly excluded from use to imply endorsement of a commercial product or service. The USDA symbol or logo may not be used by anyone outside of USDA without permission. Modified logos that have the appearance of an endorsement made by USDA are also not permitted. Please ensure that all product literature and Web sites for *Meals Plus Menus* are compliant with the marketing language and use of logo requirements.

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We appreciate your efforts in the development of this software system for *Certification for Six Cent Lunch Reimbursement*. If you have any questions about the evaluation process or the approval status, please contact my staff at 703-305-2590.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Cynthia Long
Director
Child Nutrition Division